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Seiji OKAWARA ) Group Art Unit: 1764  
Application No.: 10/660,707 ) Examiner: K. V. Handal  
Filed: September 12, 2003 ) Confirmation No. 7678  
For: FILTER CATALYST FOR )  
PURIFYING EXHAUST GASES )  
AND ITS MANUFACTURING )  
METHOD THEREOF )

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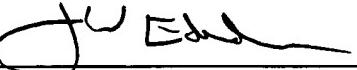
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Examiner Initials	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Translation <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		JP 9-276708	10/28/97	Nakayama		Abstract
		JP 9-94434	04/08/97	Araki		Abstract
		JP 2001-314764	11/13/01	Komori		Abstract

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		Japanese Official Action dated July 11, 2006	Yes

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